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#### MMARY OF THE DAY'S NEWS

The Weather.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17-Forceast for Friday and Saturday: Virginia-Fair Friday and Saturday; light to fresh north to northwest winds Carolina-Pair; light to fresh

weather continued uniformly cold yesterday, the mercury remaining not far from the freezing point all day. Condi-tions will likely be similar to-day.

STATE OF THE THERMOMETER.

MINIATURE ALMANAC. | December 18, 1993. | Tises. | 7:21 | HIGH TIDE. | ets. | 4:53 | Morning. | 1:96 | rises. | 0:53 | Evening. | 1:24

#### Richmond.

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State Committee abolishes proxies: Dey instructed to produce the taily-sheets of the recent primary election; w.ting.s start the recent primary election; w.ting.s start the recent primary election; w.ting.s start the fill suspended and a new and diherent mansure introduced—Charter of Dicomord amended—Senate declines to agree to amendments to social club bit—Studen death of Major Charles R. Skinker—Death in Baltimore of Mrs. R. A. Gibson funeral to be held at noon tomorrow from Holy Trin ty Church—McGuire estatue to be unveiled January 7th—Exact number of voters who qualified by payment of their capitation times—Souther tracks to remain untouched—The will of A. J. Vaughan to be contested—N. Y. P. and N. tug sold for a small amount—Colonel S. M. Newhouse a candidate for Register of the Land Office—Bill providing for another normal school is passed—All of the City Hall omployes are elected—Election of a successor of Bidge Hubbard likely to be postponed—Bishop Randolph to address the Virginia Historical Sec.ety at the F. M. C. A. tonight, ManCillesTire—Joint session of the Council tonight to elect a successor to Auditor Hall—Schedule of Ileones area sheing p spated—Special committee propares thus to Auditor Hall—Condition of Mrs. Bass segmewhat improved—Work of the courts—Meeting of the veterans.

#### Virginia.

Virginia.

Wiss Alico Rosseveit to visit her aunt Newport News and be enertained nor the Newport News and be enertained to the Newport News and the Newport News and incidental opinion fatal to the irginia Pilots' Association—Redistrict gordinance will now be signed by avor, as new poil of voters shows for aling places needed—Congressman Mayard to bright eight colleagues to speak Jamestown meeting in Portsmouth—de. Savage appeals for divorce attraction manish at Nortolk, and collins or husband declived her as to his wealth—Negroes pay up poil taxes better in reportion to number in Newport News and white—Negroes pay up poil taxes better in streams olow in Southwest Virginia Nortolk and estern has trouble getting water to run comotives—Ches Peoples, charged with urder of John Sengle, taken from ytheville—The Crismond cases in polyleying to a bing on the stream of the polylynana court postponed, and skrywen contempt cases dismissed; the report of the cating Commonwealth's attory—Twenty-one indictments in Eathounty under the Mann liquor law—Oddellows at Phoebus elect officers—The orfolk, the latter with convoy of toreod-boats for the istimus—Anonymous resons threaten the life of Peer Winself-Parmers' institute held at Suffolk. Rouss; receives infernal mac, ters' institute held at Suffolk

#### North Carolina.

Altorney-General Glimer goes to Charlette to defend registrar steed for not
registering a negro volete—The remarkable nose of Warden Weatherby's do gat
Greensboro causes the confuscation of
nore birds in the express office—New
bank organized at Rowland, Robeson
county—Naw tr'sl asked for Cjarsace
Potter, who is under sentence to hang
in Watauga county

#### General.

for daring to attack the administration — House passes pension appropriation bill—Nineteen indictments brought by grand jury in Nebraska, among them one against United States Senator Dietr ch—Japanese elder statesmen determine to express a strong front to Russia—Views are diverse as to possibility of an neroase in the production of cotton—Se atomartin has Senate, pass resolution looking to a survey of Norfolk harbor and the possible deepening of the channel—Combia commander makes protest against the presence of American vessel in Gulf (Tarlete)

## PRESIDENT SIGNS

CUBAN REAL BILL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The President signed the Cuban reciprocity bill a few printing of the control of the control of the cuban reciprocity bill a few printing of the president their issued a proclamation of the president their issued a proclamation of the control of the con

#### WILL OPPOSE STRONG FRONT TO RUSSIA

(By Assuctated Press.)

TOKIO, Dec. II.—The conference of the Elder Statesmen of Japan, including the Marquis Ito and the cabinet ministers yesterday resulted according to a semi-official statement, in a determination to oppose a strong front to Thussia, in view of the latter's uncutsfactory reply to the Japanese proposals.

Another report

or the latter's unsatisfied by the property of the plane proposition. Another report says it is understood that, although the Russian reply was considered highly unsatisfactory, the conference decided to make another and pinhably last attempt to arrive at a friendly settlement.

The situation is considered grave. Even the most sober section of the Japanese press declares it is high time for action.

Horse and Buggy.

## NINETEEN TRUE BILLS RETURNED

Nebraska's Grand Jury Brings in Indictments.

#### U. S. SENATOR AMONG NUMBER

Alleged to Have Violated Sta tute Prohibiting His Contracting With the Government.

OTHER PROMINENT MEN ARE NAMED

Charge Against Former Senator Lowe is of Conspiracy to Bribe a United States Senator - General State of Corruption Alleged by Grand Jury's Report.

OMAHA, NEB., December 17.-The United States grand jury to-day made its report to the court, returning nineteen true bills. These include indictments H. Dietrich for alleged illegal leasing of a building to the government to be used as a postoffice; former Adjutant-General Leonard W. Colby, for the alleged em bezziement of government funds; Daniel Gaines, of Bassett, Neb., for alleged in swearing falsely to homestead entries; former State Senator Elliott United States senator; Postmaster John with illegal sale of postage stamps; Wil-liam M. Irwin, on a charge of acting as agent for Mitchell, and against R. M. Al-len, president of the Standard Cattle Company, for the alleged illegal fencing of government lands. The other indict-ments were similar to that against Allen, but do not involve extensive tracts of

The jury reported it had further matters under consideration.

The indictments against Senator District and State Senator Lowe are in addition to those returned against them a

lation of section 3739 of the revised stat-utes, which provides that no member or delegate to Congress shall enter into a contract with the United States or its

delegate to Congress shall enter into a contract with the United States or its officers. The indictment charges that Senator Dietrich leased to the government of April 24, 1901, a building at Hastings, Neb., to be used for a postoffice at an annual rental of \$1,300; the Indictment against former Senator Lowe charges him with conspiracy to bribe a United States senator. Two counts each of \$500 are named in the bill. It is charged the amount were paid to Lowe by Postmaster John C. Mitchell in consideration of Lowe's endorsement of Mitchell's candidacy to Senator Dietrich for the appointment, as postmaster at Alms.

General Leonard W. Colby was indicted for the alleged embezzlement of amounts aggregating \$4,000 of government funds pr\$1 to him in trust by the State of Nebraska and others for equipment iselonging to United States army.

Postmaster J. C. Mitchell, of Alma, Neb., is indicted for conspiracy to defraud the government by the sale outside of his postoffice of large quantities of postage stamps in order to increase the receipts of the office at Alma, and thus succeeding in raising the classification of the office securing an income of

#### TOBACCO MEN COMBINE TO FIGHT THE TRUST

(By Associated Press.)
EVANSVILLE, IND., Dec. 17.-4 combination was effected here to-day by three important independent tobacco factories, the Hampton Tobacco Company,

## CUBAN TREATY BILL VALUABLE RELICS WENT FOR A SONG

Household Effects of Mrs. Mary Surratt Brought Ridiculous Prices.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch. PALTIMORE, MD., Dec. 17.-At Surrattsville, in Prince George county, Md., the household effects of Mrs. Mary Surratt, who was hanged for alleged connection with the assassination of Lincoln, were sold at auction yesterday for a

song The sale took place in the house occur plet by Mrs. Surratt during her girlhood, and at the time of her arrest. It was there that Booth visited her prior to the assassination.

Owing to threatening weather none but neighbors were present, when the sale began, and the articles, including furniture and plate, went at ridiculous figures. A massive sideboard, imported from Engand, brought two dollars, and from Enward, brought two dollars, and other things in proportion. When the weather cleared a lot of Washington relic hunters arrived and were surprised to find the sale over. They offered tabulous prices, and succeeded in buying some of the articles from the first purchasers, it is estimated that household effects that went for less than twenty-five dollars will easily bring \$1,2000 in the hands of dealers.

A sorrel horse and a buggy were taken thin in the Third District yesterday. The sale was made in consequence of the settling up of the Jenkins estate, hirserty at the Third Statlon.

Surratt having been a Jenkins.

Newburg, Ind.; the Bowling Green, factory, Bowling Green, Ky., and the T. M. Ryan Company, Martin, Tenn. The compine is expitalized at \$1,000,000. The Bowling Green plant will be removed to Newburg and combined with the plant there. The company will oppose the tobacco trust in the Central States.

Incorporation papers will be filed in Indiana.

#### WILL STICK TO HIM THROUGH THICK AND THIN

(special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ST. PAUL, Dec. 17.—John T. Carlisle,
who, during a metoric career in St. Paul
and Minnenpolis, claimed to be a relative
of ex-Socretary Carlisle, has been brought
back from Washington by the shoriff,
identified as J. J. Bobrals, against whom
there are indictments, and will stand trial
for defrauding Miss Clarice Heebner and
others out of sums, ranging from \$200 to others out of sums ranging from \$200 to \$500. Mrs. Carlisle, who was Miss Hinkle, daughter of a wealthy lumberman, says she will stick to him through thick and

#### RETURNS FROM DISPENSARIES SHOW HEAVY GAINS

(By Associated Press.) CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 17.—The gures from the report of Chairman L., Williams, of the board of directors of the State dispensary, for the fiscal year 1903 show that, the business done amounted to \$287,098,77.

Following are comparative figures: Following are comparative figures: 1905—gross sales, \$2,517,002.77. 1902—gross figures, \$2,400,213.27; increase,

The net profits to towns, and counties for 1903 were \$512.216.35, and the net profit lor the school fund for 1908 was \$15.50 increase of net profits in 1908 over 1993 in \$71.55.

#### POSITION TENDERED GENERAL BLACK

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 .- The President has tendered the position of civil service commissioner, made vacant by the death of John R. Proctor, to General John C. Black, of Chicago, General Black is commander-in-chief of the Grand Army, General Black has not indicated whether or not he will accept the appointment. He was commissioner of pensions during the second administration of President Cleve-

#### GREAT EXPECTATIONS OF EMPIRE STEEL

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NEW YORK, Dec. 17.-Directors of the Empire Steel and Iron Company will meet Friday to take action on the dividend

Priday to take action on the divident question.

The company has outstanding \$2,500,000 of six per cent. cumulative preferred stock and \$2,231,400 common stock.

It has extensive ore properties in Virginia, and has important holdings elsewhere. Its earnings for this year are expected to double those of last year.

#### PROMINENT MAN DEAD AT CAMP FIRE

(By Associated Press.)

MULBERRY, FLA.. Dec. 17.—The body of Charles A. Davis was found to-day near a camp fire with all the clothes burned off. Davis had held many importbarned off. Dayls had redd many inpor-ant positions with railroads and other cor-perations and is well known by most railroad men in the Southern States, Davis wes reputed to be weatthy. He was eccentric and had a habit of sleep-ing by camp fires. He was a thirty-second degree Mason.

#### MORE MARINES TO GO TO ISTHMUS

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The cruiser Olympia, flagship of Rear-Admiral Coghland, commanding the Carribean Squadron, left Norfolk to-day for Colon. The cruiser Dixis left Colon to-day for Philadelphia to take on board the battailon or marines being assembled at that city for service on the Isthmus.

#### BODY OF CAPTAIN FOUND IN ENGINE-ROOM

(By Associated Press.) (By Associated Press.)
CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 17.—The mail steamer Thistie, plying between Georgetown and Santee, brought to Georgetown the body of Captain William Collins, who was found dead in the engine-room of the tug Lorietta, a discharged gun lying near the body. The coroner's jury is investigating the cause of death.

## THE NUMBER WHO HAVE QUALIFIED

The Official Count Shows That 5,573 Voters Have Paid the Poll Tax.

A large force of clerks are busy in the office of City Treasurer Phillips, making up the list of those who have paid their poil taxes.

poll taxes.

The total number of eligible voters, according to this list, is 5.573.

These will have to be listed alphabetically and reported to the Hustings Court by January 14th. The number is not as large as was at first thought.

#### M'GUIRE MONUMENT UNVEILED JANUARY 7TH

The date for unveiling the McGuir nonument has now been definitely set.

The date for inveiling the McGuire monument has now been definitely set. It will be Thursday afternoon, January Tth, at 1 o'clock. Major Holmes T. Coniad, of Winchester, will deliver the address. Judge Christian received a telegram from him yesterday stating the day selected would sult him, and so the matter was at once settled.

The features of the programme already announced will be carried out. Judge Christian will present the monument to the State on the part of the friends of the late distinguished surgeon and the Governor will receive it.

Master Hunter Holmes McGuire, Jr., will unveil the statue. Major Conrad's address will be the last of the occasion. The opening prayer will be delivered by Dr. James Power Smith, who served on the staff of General Jackson with Dr. Mo. Guire. The statue is now on its way to Richmond.

## BIG GUNS TURNED ON **PRESIDENT**

Severely Arraigned for Action in Panama Affair

#### **BOTH SIDES FIRE** AT ADMINISTRATION

Senators Hoar and Gorman Insist That More Information be Given the Senate.

#### WANT CANAL WITHOUT TAINT OF DISHONOR

Senator Foraker Also Speaks and Takes Mr. Hoar to Task for Daring to Criticise the Administration - House Passes the Pension

Appropriation Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The Senate to-day was the scene of a most importan lebate in the isthmian question as affected by the President's recognition of is independence of the Republic of Panama. The discussion began with peech by Mr. Hoar on his resolution of inquiry and lasted several hours. addition to Mr. Hoar's address, there were speeches by Mr., Gorman and Mr.

were speeches by Mr., Gorman and Mr. Foraker. All three were notable utter-ances, and of historical interest.

Mr. Hoar confined his remarks to his resolution, and they were carefully written out and read from manuscript. He held that this country has not yet received full official information concerning the isthmian revolution, and criticised in charp terms the conduct of this country as shown by what has been given out.

out.
There was no reservation in Mr. Gorman's utterances. He practically alleged
that the situation in Practical and been
created to make a confination issue, and
said that unless turther light was thrown
on the subject he would oppose the Panama treaty. Mr. Foraker took Mr. Hoar to task

Air. Foraker took air. Hoar to task severely for his remarks, reflecting on the administration. He defended the administration for its attitude toward the Panama revoit. A heated colloquy took place between Mr. Foraker and Mr. Hoar, during an effort of the Massachusetts senator to explain more fully his position in the matter.

Senator Hoar Speaks Plainly. Mr. Hoar said he was in favor of the isinmian canal, but was anxious that the canal should be built "without taint of suspicion of national dishoner."

"What we, want to know is," he said, "did this government, knowing that a

evolution was about to take place, so ar range matters that the revolution, whether peaceable or otherwise, should be permitted to go on without interruption and whether our national authorities took measures to prevent Colombia from

stopping 1t?"

Mr. Hear quoted the correspondence tearing upon the revolution, and asked "Why this great anxiety before any disturbance had occurred?" If was, he said, clear that if the correspondence so far printed included all the information possible to give on the subject, that from the revolution broke out this government bad included and the information possible to give on the subject, that from the revolution broke out this government bad included. dombia from doing anything to

prevent Colombia from the prevent it.

"I want to know, the American people want to know, and have a right to know, whether the highly polleeman on the isthmus, seeing a man about to attack enother, is justified before the blow is struck, in manacling the assaulted party, and, whether, after the assault has been made, the polleeman is justified in claiming the pocketbook which has been taken from the victim by the assailant, should he be turned over to him (the polleeman)

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## A.J. VAUGHAN'S WILL TO BE CONTESTED

Counsel for Grandson Claims the Paper Probated Was Not the True One.

Sands & Sands, counsel for Mrs. Muttle V. Vaughan, mother of A. J. Vaughan, Jr., an infant, have instituted suit in the Chancery Court contesting the will of the late A. J. Vaughan, and praying the court to set aside the probate on the grounds that it is not the true will of the decensed.

The will as probated on August 5, 1903,

The deceased.

The will as probated on August 5, 1903, was dated June 23, of this year. The estate was valued at about \$70,000. The will provided the following bequests; J. J. Yaughan, \$2,000; A. J. Yaughan, Jr., a grandson, \$5,000; Emma T. Ball, \$2,000; W. P. Burruss, \$500. The residue was left to the widow. Mrs. Serah Ann Yaughan, for life, then to go to his daughter, Pioronce, now Mrs. Beaver.

The grandson, to whom the \$5,000 was left in trust, is the orphan infant son of the only son of the deceased, and by whom he was tenderly fond during his life time. It is alloged that there have been for some time strained relations between the daughter and the other members of the family, and it is due to this fact that the claim is made by the contestants that the will as probated on August 5th is not the true and last will a far Mr. Yaughan.

J. J. Yaughan,

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J. J. Yaughan, Emma T. Ball, Florence of leaver and Sarah Ann Yaughan are in amod as parties to the sult.

No day has yet been fixed by Judso Grinnan for a hearing,

# THE BOOKS DEMANDED BY STATE COMMITTEE.

Major Charles R. Skinker Strick-

en With Paralysis-Lived

Three Hours.

Interesting Story of Escape

From Federal Prison.

The sudden death yesterday afternoon

of Major Charles R. Skinker, one of the

bring deep sorrow to his host of friends

Major Skinker was stricken with paraly

is while talking with some friends in

Thomas L. Alfriend and Son's office

n the afternoon. He was hurriedly taken

No. 801 West Franklin Street, and three

hours later passed away. He had been

o many of his friends as a painful shock.

FOUR YEARS' SERVICE

brated Company "F. of Richmond, a part of the Twenty-first Virginia Infan-try. For twelve months as a private he carried a musket but for bravery was later promoted at ever yopportunity, until he became the captain of his company. In the course of time the Twenty-first was merged into the Forty-eighth Vir-

est known citizens of Richmond, will



### IN THE SHADOW OF THE AXE

## WILL FIGHT DEATH CAME FOR PANAMA

Colombians Determined Not to Give Up Without Struggle to Bitter End.

### TROOPS ARE ENCOUNTERED A BRILLIANT WAR RECORD

Fought Gallantly Four Years Commander Protests Against Presence of American War Vessel in Gulf of Darien.

(By Associated Pross.)

States cruiser Atlanta, Commander William H. Turner, returned here last night from the Gulf of Darlen. She discovered December 15th, a detachment of bian troops, numbering visually about 500 men, but, according to their state ments, totalling 1,500 to 2,000 men, at Titumati, on the eastern side of the gulf, just north of the mouth of the Atrate River.

ashore an officer, who conversed with the Colombian commander. The latter proof American ters, insomuch as war between the deand the United States had not been de and the United States had not been de and the United States had not belonged to

the Atlanta signification of Durien and fol-lowed her to the western shore, where the schooner attempted to hide behind an islet. Lieutenant Harlan P. Perrill, of the Atlanta, was ordered to board her, whereupon a wholeboat was lowered and pulled towards the schooner. Through the courtesy of the naval officers the cor-respondent of the Associated Press ac-

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### BISHOP RANDOLPH SPEAKS TO-NIGHT

Annual Meeting of Virginia Historical Society at Y. M. C. A. Hall-Public Invited.

To-night at the Y. M. C. A. hall one of the chief literary events of the winter will take place. Bishop A. M. Ran-dolph, a gentleman whose learning and eloquence are far famed, will deliver the annual address before the Virginia His. torical Society. Doubtless a brilliant audience will gather to hear the distinguished gentleman.

The annual meeting of the Virginia Historical Society will begin at 8 o'clock this evening in the Y. M. C. A. hall, and not in the hall of the House of Delegates, as first determined. President W. don McCabe will present his report for the year, which will no doubt be very interesting. It will be an admirable paper, as all feel assured, coming from Captain McCabe, one of the finest scholars of the country.

Bishop Randolph will be the guest of

Roy, William Meade Clark, rector of St. James Church. He will discuss the "Edu-James Church. He will discuss the Educational Functions of Historical Study," a theme unusually broad and well calculated to give the audience an opportunity of seeing the speaker's versatile powers in the development of it.

The public is cordially invited by the society to attend this meeting and heavillishop Randolph.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Dec. II.-Announcement was made to-day that the Atlantic Coast Line syndicate has been extended the February 28th, 1965. A large majority of the subscribers to the syndicate assented to the extender.

Resolution of Mr. Whitehead Prevailed by a Very Large Majority.

Captain Dev to Produce

Tally Sheets To-Day

ALLOWED NO MORE

PROXIES TO BE

#### WITNESSES TESTIFY ON NORFOLK PRIMARY

Charge That the Dey Faction Was Absolutely in Control and Conducted Matters as it Saw Fit-To-day's Session to be Interesting and Probably Lengthy.

For more than eight hours yesterday the State Central Democratic Committee the primary election in Norfolk city. Ocor Trehy faction of the party. At 11 P. morning at 10 A. M., and hear further estimony and argument on the subject of the fairness of the primary in que

Whitehead, of Amherst, expressing now or horeafter. This was adopted by come in. Nine persons holding proxie

FIGHT OVER TALLY SHEETS. Captain Dey, Police Commissioner and Captain Dey's two deputies as missioner of the revenue, left last for Norfolk to secure the sheets.

April 21st, 1881, he enlisted in the cell-brited Company "F", of Richmend, a part of the Twenty-first Virginia Infanty. For twelve months as a private he carried a musket, but for brinvery was mice promoted at ever yopportunity, until he became the captain of his company in the course of time the Twenty-first was merged into the Forty-clight Virginia Infanty was merged into the Forty-clight Virginia Theory of the course of time the Twenty-first was merged into the Forty-clight Virginia Theory of the course of time the Twenty-first was merged into the Forty-clight Virginia Theory of the course of time the Twenty-first was merged into the Forty-clight Virginia Theory of the Confidence of t WITNESSES EXAMINED.

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